

REMARKS

Claims currently appear in this application. These claims define novel and unobvious subject matter under Sections 102 and 103 of 35 U.S.C., and therefore should be allowed. Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and formal allowance of the claims.

Interview Summary

Applicant's attorney wishes to thank Examiner McNally for the courtesies extended during the telephone interview of March 21, 2011.


During that interview, Examiner McNally agreed to consider a supplemental amendment that made it clear that the heating process in the claimed method is a one-step process, unlike that of Sonntag, which is a two-step process.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance, and favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

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